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TO AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM AMBASSADOR MARTIN

1. SECGEN MAREI HAS REQUESTED CURRICULUM VITAE ON JOHN HANNAH. PLEASE FORWARD FOLLOWING DATA TO HIM WITH MY COMPLIMENTS. "CURRICULUM VITAE - JOHN ALFRED HANNAH. DR. JOHN A. HANNAH WAS SWORN IN AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON APRIL 2, 1969 AFTER SERVING FOR 28 YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. HE RESIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1973. DR. HANNAH'S INTEREST IN FOREIGN AID PROGRAM DATES BACK TO 1949 AND BEGINNING OF POINT FOUR PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LESS DEVELOPED AREAS OF THE WORLD. HE SERVED PRESIDENT TRUMAN FOR TWO YEARS ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH FORMULATED POLICIES FOR THE POINT FOUR PROGRAM. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER APPOINTED HIM ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL IN FEBRUARY L953. UPON COMPLETION OF THAT ASSIGNMENT IN JULY 1954 HE WAS AWARDED MEDAL OF FREEDOM. IN 1957, HE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS. HE WAS REAPPOINTED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN 196L AND CONTINUED AS CHAIRMAN UNDER PRESIDENTS JOHNSON AND NIXON UNTIL FEBRUARY 22, 1969. DR. HANNAH ALSO SERVED FROM JANUARY 1954

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ON PERMANENT JOINT BOARD ON DEFENSE, CANADA-UNITED STATES.
DR. HANNAH BECAME PRESIDENT OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY,
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN ON JULY 1, 1941. A 1923
GRADUATE OF MICHIGAN STATE, HE SERVED UNIVERSITY
SUBSEQUENTLY AS MEMBER OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION STAFF
AND AS SECRETARY OF ITS GOVERNING BODY PRIOR TO
ASSUMING PRESIDENCY. HE HELD MANY OFFICES IN
EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION FROM 1966
TO 1967. HE IS FORMER PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND FORMER CHAIRMAN
OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY,
UNDER DR. HANNAH'S LEADERSHIP, TOOK ACTIVE ROLE IN FOREIGN
AID PROJECTS. IT WAS FIRST U.S. UNIVERSITY TO ACCEPT
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND HAVE MEMBERS OF FACULTY
UNDERTAKE FOREIGN AID ASSIGNMENTS. AS PRESIDENT OF
MICHIGAN STATE, DR. HANNAH ENCOURAGED OTHER AMERICAN
UNIVERSITIES TO BECOME INVOLVED IN U.S. FOREIGH AID
EFFORT. IN 1956, DR. HANNAH SURVEYED FOREIGN AID
PROGRAMS IN FAR EAST FOR SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE. MORE RECENTLY, HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF TASK
FORCE CREATED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND LAND-GRANT COLLEGES TO ASSESS
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. HE WAS ALSO
MEMBER OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
AFRICAN AFFAIRS. DR. HANNAH WAS BORN OCTOBER 9, 1902 IN
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. HE HAS BEEN AWARDED HONORARY
DOCTORATE DEGREES FROM 26 AMERICAN AND THREE FOREIGN
UNIVERSITIES. HE IS MARRIED TO FORMER SARAH MAY SHAW.
THEY HAVE A DAUGHTER, MAY ELIZABETH (MRS. MYRON PAUL
CURZAN), AND THREE SONS, ROBERT WILFRED, THOMAS ARTHUR
AND DAVID HAROLD."

2. MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING
THIS USEFUL AND NECESSARY EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH
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